

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

**ARLENDA LAWSON,**  
*Plaintiff*

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**v.**

**CASE NO. 1:20-CV-658-LY-SH**

**MARTA TALBERT, ET AL.,**  
*Defendants*

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

TO: THE HONORABLE LEE YEAKEL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Before the Court are Plaintiff Arlenda Lawson's Amended Complaint (Dkt. 5) and various Motions for Relief (Dkts. 2, 7-18). The undersigned Magistrate Judge submits this Report and Recommendation, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72, and Rule 1(d) of Appendix C of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

**I. Background**

On July 20, 2020, the Court ordered Plaintiff to file a More Definite Statement regarding her claims against employees of the Austin Police Department and Austin-Travis County EMS by July 31, 2020. Dkt. 20. The Court also warned Plaintiff that failure to comply with the Court's Order would result in the Court recommending that her case be dismissed. *Id.* at 5. Plaintiff failed to timely file a More Definite Statement and has not filed a statement as of the date of this Report and Recommendation.

A district court may dismiss an action *sua sponte* for failure to prosecute or to comply with any order of court under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). *McCullough v. Lynaugh*, 835 F.2d

1126, 1127 (5th Cir. 1988). Because Plaintiff failed to abide by a Court Order and to prosecute her case, this lawsuit should be dismissed.

## II. Recommendation

The undersigned therefore **RECOMMENDS** that the District Court **DISMISS** Arlenda Lawson's lawsuit without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(b). The undersigned further **RECOMMENDS** that the remaining pending motions in this case (Dkts. 2, 7-18) are **DISMISSED** as moot.

## III. Warnings

The parties may file objections to this Report and Recommendation. A party filing objections must specifically identify those findings or recommendations to which objections are being made. The District Court need not consider frivolous, conclusive, or general objections. *See Battle v. United States Parole Comm'n*, 834 F.2d 419, 421 (5th Cir. 1987). A party's failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained in this Report within fourteen (14) days after the party is served with a copy of the Report shall bar that party from de novo review by the District Court of the proposed findings and recommendations in the Report and, except on grounds of plain error, shall bar the party from appellate review of unobjected-to proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the District Court. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53 (1985); *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

**SIGNED** on August 3, 2020.



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SUSAN HIGHTOWER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE